

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 were presented for examination, are pending and are rejected.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings. Accordingly, replacement drawing sheets are attached. Therefore the objections should be withdrawn.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-18 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 7-17, 19, 21, 22, 24 and 25 of U.S. Patent No. 6,643,311. A terminal disclaimer is attached. Therefore the rejection should be withdrawn.

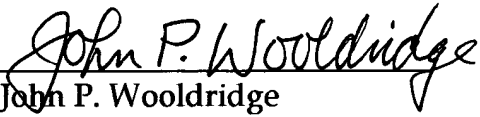
Claims 1-18 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 24 and 26-41 of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/746,525. A terminal disclaimer is attached. Therefore the rejection should be withdrawn.

Conclusions

It is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance based on claims 1-18 in view of the foregoing comments and the attached terminal disclaimers.

If any impediments remain to prompt allowance of the case, please contact the undersigned at 808-875-0012.

Respectfully submitted,


John P. Wooldridge
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 38,725

Dated: November 15, 2005